

MILITARY CITES NEED FOR MORE HOUSING IN SOUTHERN NEVADA

More adequate housing and better recreational facilities were pin-pointed as the major problems facing the military in Southern Nevada, according to the unanimous opinion of the commanders of all military installations in the area.

Holding its quarterly meeting in Henderson, the Executive Committee of the Southern Nevada Armed Forces Community Council, with 23 military-civilian leaders in attendance, heard Nellis Commander, Brig. Gen. John N. Ewbank, outline the two most serious problems confronting the military locally, and request full cooperation and assistance of the civil authorities for solution as soon as possible. Lake Mead

commander, Capt. Raphael Semmes Jr., (USN) and Maj. Porter W. Wassum Jr., Commander of Indian Springs Air Force Base, voiced their complete agreement with Gen. Ewbank's analysis.

According to Gen. Ewbank, Nellis expects a large increase in military families with the adoption of the F-105 Thunderchief into the Nellis inventory of aircraft. Approximately 800 airmen and their families are to be assigned to the base with the first increase in personnel expected within two months.

The Nellis commander said "In the past there has been some difficulty in identifying civilian rentals for military families. I want to say here and now that should better low cost housing be made available to our young married service men, we at Nellis will make sure that proper care is taken to protect the property owner."

Several suggestions were submitted by civic and political leaders, and the prob-

lems, together with the suggestions for their solution, were referred to a committee for further study and action by Bruce Trent, executive chairman of the council.

A final action of the committee changed the name of the organization to that of Civilian-Military Council of Southern Nevada.

Attending the meeting were Henderson Mayor William Bryne; North Las Vegas Mayor, Earl Hartke; Executive Council Chairman Bruce Trent; Brig. Gen. Ewbank; Capt. Raphael Semmes Jr.; USMC Colonel Joe Russell; Maj. Porter M. Wassum Jr.; Boulder City mayor, Robert N. Broadbent and Major Ellia H. Lynn, Camp Mercury.

Also Joe Rue, Las Vegas; North Las Vegas City Manager Robert Nelson; Boulder City Manager Curtis Blyth; Chaplain (Capt.) Han E. Sandrock, Nellis AFB; Lt. Col. George H. Johnston, Nellis AFB; Lou LaPorta, Henderson Chamber of Commerce; Clark County Sheriff W. E. "Butch" Leypoldt and Clay Lynch, Henderson.